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Down on Junior's Farm.



Ever been down on the farm?

We took the grandkids to [Bull Bottom Farms](#) in [Duck Hill, Mississippi](#) during Easter Weekend. It's a big new thing to do these days. Duck Hill is a town of 619 people as of the 2020 census.

It's a fun and educational day letting kids pet farm animals, climb on tractors, and dig in the dirt. It's great fun and a learning experience for young uns, and old ones too.

I had the privilege of having a family with farmers in it in New Albany,

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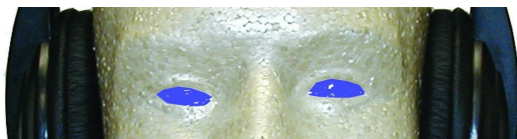
drowning in grain, etc. I also learned my lesson about peeing on the electric fence that held the cows on the grounds.

And how to shell peas, that was not fun, maybe for the first couple of rounds while racing my cousins. The cows were the coolest. I could stare into that big brown eyeball for hours.

So maybe we should start a F.O.T.A. now that farms are all the rage again. Farms on the air, has a good ring to it. We could also ride a cow while on the air, let some chickens peck out some Morse Code on the air. Let's just hope that the pigs never learn to fly and damage our antennas or dump something out of the air that will land on our ham gear.

Paul McCartney also wrote a great song about a farm just a while ago. Time sure does pass quickly.

f.o.t.a.



MFJ-392C

If it were cold down on the farm right now we could take a long this nice set of communications headphones with super padded headband and ear cushions. It's not cold right now but while we are operating f.o.t.a. we will need to drown the sounds of the cows, tractors and chickens. **High performance** driver unit reproduces enhanced sound. Signals never sounded so clear! 3.5mm stereo plug with free 1/4 inch stereo adaptor. 9'. 8 oz. 400mW, frequency response of 20-20,000 Hz. Impedance: 16Ω±



MFJ-802B

Down on the farm, a field strength meter is certainly handy. After all this is an antenna farm with multiple station antennas and wide arrays. We need to see how they are performing so why not right at the source?! Determine radiation pattern; make changes to your antenna and see if it radiates better or worse. Adjust ground lead, artificial ground, counterpoise or tune transmitter or antenna tuner for

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This [MFJ-853](#) can be incredibly handy in trying to find noise sources down on the farm. Bad wiring, electrical wires is not good to have around all that hay! Calibrated clamp-on RF current meter accurately measures RF current in antenna elements, ground wires, coax shield. Slips over mobile whip to tune for maximum current/radiation. 3, 1, 3 Amp ranges. Non-metallic case minimizes field disturbance for accurate reading. 2¼W x 3¾H x 1D inches.



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